Mr. I. C. Chacko (*Chief Engineer, P. W. D.*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Preliminary investigations have been conducted and the sinking of wells for the supply of water is in progress.

Mr. P. Gopalan: ജലവിതരണം കോട്ടയത്ത് ആരംഭിച്ചിട്ട് ഇപ്പോഴത്തെ എത്ര നാളായെന്നു പറയാമോ ?

Mr. I. C. Chacko: ഏകദേശം നാലു കൊല്ലം വരും.

Mr. K. C. Chandy (*Thodupuzha* cum *Minachil*): May I know from the Honourable Member, how many wells have actually been sunk and how many are in progress ?

Mr. I. C. Chacko: One has been completed and the sites for three others have to be selected by the Municipal President.

Mr. P. Gopalan : ഇതിലേക്ക് മുനിസിപ്പാലിറ്റിയിൽ നിന്നും എന്തെങ്കിലും നിർദ്ദേശം നൽകിയിട്ടുണ്ടോ ?

Mr. I. C. Chacko: It is in consultation with the Municipal President that these wells have been sunk.

Revised Scale of pay.

3. ***Mr. K. Narayana Kurup:** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Government published the Revised scale of pay and allowance of Public servants in the State ;

(*b*) when it was published ;

(*c*) whether it is put in force ; if so, from what date ; and

(*d*) whether that is put in force in all departments quasi-Government institutions like the Municipalities and Village Panchayat Courts of the State ?

Mr. S. Narayana Iyer (*Financial Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) In the Gazettes Extraordinary dated 11th March 1944 and 8th May 1944.

(*c*) Yes ; from 1st Makaram 1119.

(*d*) The revision applies to all Departments of Government but not to Municipalities and Village Panchayats.

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup: May I know from the honourable member whether the Government have received any memorial complaining about the inequalities of the 'Thommenisation' scheme at the time ?

Mr. S. Narayana Iyer: No.

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup: May I know from the Government whether they have received any memorial from the public who have suffered much on account of the 'Thommenisation' scheme?

Mr. S. Narayana Iyer: There is no such scheme a 'Thommenisation' scheme.

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Mr. N. Narayana Kurup : May I know from the honourable member whether there was any revision or retrenchment of pay by the Government at any time ?

Mr. S. Narayana Iyer : Yes.

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup : May I know whether Mr. Thommen was not responsible for it ?

Mr. S. Narayana Iyer : Yes, Sir.

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup : May I know whether his scheme was not called the 'Thommenisation' scheme ?

Mr. S. Narayana Iyer : I am not aware, Sir.

President : Order, Order. These are what may be called matters of historical importance. 'Thommenisation' is an exhumation of a pretty old carcase. (*Laughter.*)

Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai (*Municipal Councils*) : May I know from the honourable member whether Government are aware of the fact that Municipalities are paying dearness allowance to their employees ?

Mr. S. Narayana Iyer : Yes, Sir.

Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai : May I know whether, in view of the fact that Municipalities are paying dearness allowance, the Government have considered the question of enhancing their grants to Municipalities ?

Mr. S. Narayana Iyer : The question will be considered when the Municipalities move Government in the matter.

Kaniyan Thodu.

4. ***Mr. M. Revi Varma Valia Raja** (*Edavagai*) : Will the Government be pleased to state when the question of opening the Kaniyan thodu (കണിയാൻ തോട്) in Vaikom Taluk first engaged the attention of Government. ?

Mr. I. C. Chacko : In 1934.

Kaniyan Thodu.

5. ***Mr. M. Revi Varma Valia Raja :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the length of the Kaniyan thodu :
(*b*) the estimate for the work ;
(*c*) the amount spent, if any ; and
(*d*) why the completion is delayed ?

Mr. I. C. Chacko : (*a*) 7900 Rft.
(*b*) Estimate sanctioned for Rs. 3,820.
(*c*) Nil.
(*d*) Owing to the non-assumption of the lands, work could not be started ?

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